WATCHET URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1961.

I will begin with the vital statistics for 1961.

There were 48 births (40 last year); 32 deaths (24 last year) of which 19 were male, and 13 female.

The causes of death were:-

Cancer of lung	1
Cancer of breast	1
Cancer of stomach	1
Other neoplasms	4
Coronary thrombosis	3
Heart disease	7
Vascular lesions of nervous system	3
Other circulartory disease	1
Flu	1
Pneumonia	2
Bronchitis	3
Other defined and ill defined diseases	4
Suicide	1

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Deaths

Men	2 over 90
	5 over 80
	0 over 70
	8 over 60
	2 over 50
	2 babies under 1 day
Female	2 over 90
	4 over 80
	1 over 70
	5 over 60
	1 over 50

Immunisation

Diptheria	47 - 51	1	
	Born 1960	14)	Primary
	" 1961	13)	
	" 1952-56	12	Reinforcing
Smallpox	28 under 1		
	5 at	1	
	4 "	2-4	
	4 "	5-14	
Polio	Born 43-61	60	
	33-42	17	
	under 40	60	
	3rd Dose	136	
5-12 yrs.	4th dose	176	
Pertussis	Born 61	13	
	60	14	
	47-51	1	

Infectious diseases

Measles	10
Whooping Cough	1

The water supply was once again quite normal.

The ice cream samples submitted for assay were also up to standard.

Visiting ships and holiday makers presented no difficulties.

Once again I would like to give my thanks to my Public Health Inspector and the District Nurses for their invaluable help throughout the year.

I note with satisfaction the commencement of construction of the Old People's bungalows which will go some way to solving Watchet's housing difficulties.

Altogether I consider this a very satisfactory health report for the year 1961.

Signed R. J. R. Lewis

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Watchet Urban District Council

November 5th, 1962